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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2876  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q63877

Yasuyuki MOCHIZUKI

Appln. No.: 09/899,817

Group Art Unit: 2876

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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

This response, submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 5-12 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki (USP 6,072,916) in view of Yamamoto (USP 5,936,709). Claims 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §

